



ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER

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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Notification Letter
CON Permit #16-010, OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Galesburg
Expansion and Modernization of Key Clinical Areas (including Surgery)

Dear Ms. Avery:

OSF St. Mary Medical Center (Medical Center) has determined it necessary to provide the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHFSRB) with a project notification letter. The proposed notification is required to accommodate the potential future modernization of the Medical Center Obstetrical Department (OB) which also includes select gynecology services and is on the third level, one floor above the surgical suite second level expansion and modernization project as approved in CON Permit #16-010.

Section 1130.750 of 77 Ill Admin Code, Alteration of Post-Permit Projects, states certain alterations require the permit holder to only submit a notification letter as described in the referenced section. We believe this particular alteration is consistent with required project notifications. Further, we understand this notification letter requires no filing fee and will not be heard by the IHFSRB. The proposed changes as described herein will impact neither approved departmental square feet nor total project cost.

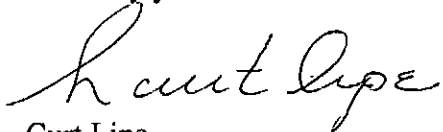
The Medical Center has experienced an increase in its Obstetrical Department utilization over the last several years. Over the period CY 2012 through CY 2016, OB Departmental admissions have increased 21.3% according to published AHQ data for this period. Internal data indicate the OB growth continues to occur. In addition, the Department's current facilities are more than 40-years old dating to the Medical Center's opening in 1974. Over the last four decades there have been only modest updates to the Department.

Given the Department's age, as well as the significant changes in obstetrical and gynecological care over the last almost one-half century, the Medical Center is planning to substantially modernize the Obstetrical Department and submitted the proposed project to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) for Design Development review on April 27, 2017. Current planning indicates the OB modernization total project cost will be significantly below the current IHFSRB threshold and will not require a CON Permit Application. However, a "Determination of Reviewability" is being submitted to the IHFSRB for an advisory opinion, simultaneously with this project notification letter, to ensure this is correct.

The proposed third level OB Department modernization project will require accessing mechanical services in the ceiling space above the CON approved Surgical Suite expansion / modernization project in order to support the OB Department project development. To avoid having to close down the new operating rooms being developed in Project #16-010 to access services in the second floor ceiling necessary to support the third floor modernization, we propose to modify certain systems in the second floor surgery ceiling at this time to support the future third floor OB Department modernization. If done at a later date, after the Surgery project is complete, there would be additional cost to the OB Department modernization project. The system modifications in the second floor ceiling mechanical space will have no impact on either the approved Surgical Department square foot allocation or on the approved total project cost.

If you have any questions regarding this notification letter, please call me at 309-344-3161, extension 1137 or e-mail me at curt.lipe@osfhealthcare.org.

Sincerely yours,



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